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## IMPROVEMENT CLUB ACTIVE

They will Build a Town Hall and Reading Room.

## TO BE INCORPORATED

Stock will be Offered for Five Dollars per Share—Big Thanksgiving Day Program.

An important meeting of the Fort Pierce Improvement club was held last Monday in the school house and was largely attended by its members.

The object of this club is for the betterment of the town, and the ladies who compose its membership are quite active in suggesting and furthering any movement which will be for that purpose.

The great need for an amusement and public hall has engrossed the attention lately, and at this meeting the matter was thoroughly discussed and a step taken that will mean for the accomplishment of this object at no distant date.

The ladies have now decided to incorporate the club and will offer for sale stock at the par value of \$5 per share, this fund to form a nucleus to the amount necessary to build a first-class town hall and club building. As the amount necessary will greatly exceed what they expect to realize from the sale of stock, they are making arrangements to borrow the necessary capital, so that the work may commence in the near future. The plans are to build a two-story building, the upper floor to be used as a public hall, while the first floor will be used as a club room, reading room and library.

A committee consisting of Mrs. C. T. McCarty, Mrs. C. M. Horton, Mrs. Beatrice Middlebrooks and Mrs. Geo. Saunders were appointed to draw up the articles of incorporation and secure the necessary funds to begin the work. This committee was also empowered to wait on the town council and request the donation of a site for a club building, soliciting the lot just north of the school house, which would make an ideal location.

The club also made the initial arrangements for an "all-day" celebration to be held Thanksgiving day. This will consist of a bazaar, at which articles of merit will be offered for sale, the proceeds to be applied to the building fund; a play, which will be of high class, and a refreshment stand.

The following ladies were appointed on the committee to arrange for the bazaar: Mesdames F. R. Horton, H. I. Klopp, W. J. Nesbitt, Beatrice Middlebrooks, W. N. Hendry and F. DePew. The refreshment committee consists of Mesdames T. W. Tomkies, S. S. Haliday, Geo. Saunders and Miss Rena Faber.

The committee to select and arrange for the play consists of Mesdames C. M. Horton, C. T. McCarty, W. J. Nesbitt, Beatrice Middlebrooks and C. S. Emerson.

The great need for a public hall has been very generally understood for some time and the ladies will receive every encouragement from the public in this enterprising work.

## YOUNG LADIES' COLLEGE

St. Lucie County and The Tribune Not the Only New Things.

St. Lucie county and THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY TRIBUNE are not the only new things in Florida. There has been lately a revolution in state institutions of higher learning as a result of the putting in operation of the Buckman law by which half a dozen state schools were abolished and the Florida University, for young men, and the Florida State College, for young women, established.

On last Saturday, Fred W. Kettle, secretary to President A. A. Murphree, of the college for young women, at Tallahassee, was in this city for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the parents of young ladies the many advantages of this college and its enlarged field of work under the new law.

The Florida Female college, being maintained by the state, offers free tuition in the usual collegiate courses, to all young ladies of this state. The only expense is board, which has been fixed at \$12.50 per month. There is extra charge for tuition in the departments of music, art and domestic science.

President Murphree has selected a good faculty as can be found in any southern institution of its kind. For the department of music he has secured the services, as director, of Miss Madeline Keipp, of the famous Lucy Cobb college, of Athens, Ga., and other departments will be directed by professors of like efficiency.

The coming school year opens the last Wednesday in September and closes the last Wednesday in May, giving students eight and one-half school months in the most healthful winter climate in the state. The college buildings are located upon a campus of fifteen acres on the crown of a hill just to the west of the city, fifteen minutes

walk from the state capitol buildings. Unlike the topography of the East Coast, that of Leon county is rolling, hills of red clay and wooded with hard wood trees, and lakes of fresh water in which fresh water fish abound, form a delightful contrast to the flat country of the coast. Being considerably to the north, and of a much higher elevation, Tallahassee offers a beautiful and invigorating climate, conducive to study and development.

Parents and guardians of young ladies are urged to write to President Murphree, at Tallahassee, for one of the new catalogues, which will be off the press next week.

## Married By Judge Andrews.

Last Sunday Judge Andrews was called upon to perform a marriage ceremony in his office, the contracting parties being Mrs. Annie Neal and Mr. Robert Morton, both of Jensen. The happy pair left on the evening train for their home. It was a very quiet affair, being known only to those who had occasion to look over the county record book in the judge's office.

## ICE FACTORY WORK AT A STAND STILL

The deed for the old ice factory property, which was expected to have been here some days ago, having been delayed, it has been thought best to suspend operations until the deal is formally closed, and no work has been done since Saturday. The property was purchased of the East Coast Electric Light, Power and Ice company, of which the late Joseph Jefferson was president, and which has its headquarters at Newark, N. J. The yearly meeting of directors took place Monday and all necessary formalities are believed to have been accomplished at that time.

The material is on the spot for the new building and Contractor Brewer expected to have had the framing up and the roof on by now. The stockholders of the new company are anxious for the work to proceed and hope to have a force of men busy again the last of this week.

## Railway Extension Bids Opened.

Vice-President and General Manager J. R. Parrott, Traffic Manager J. P. Beckwith and Superintendent R. T. Goff, of the F. E. C. Railway, spent Tuesday in this city looking after various matters in connection with the road, says the Miami News.

While here Mr. Parrott met Chief Engineer J. C. Meredith and proceeded to open bids for building a concrete bridge across Long Key channel. The bridge builders who submitted the bids returned yesterday morning on board the steamer Biscayne from a visit to Long Key channel, where they made soundings on which the bids were based.

The bid which seemed most favorable was taken under consideration by Mr. Parrott and he will decide the matter within a few days.

## First Step in Drainage.

The first step in the great Everglades drainage scheme inaugurated by Governor Broward has been taken and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund has ordered a preliminary survey to be made from some point on the St. Lucie River in as direct a route as practical to Lake Okechobee. Our county surveyor, J. O. Fries, C. E., has been designated to make the survey, and from his well known ability, skill and experience the work will be done so thoroughly that his report will establish the feasibility of the plan or show its impracticability. The people are to be congratulated upon securing the services of so complete and reliable civil engineer.—Cocoa and Rockledge News.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Used Good Judgment in Selecting County's First Officers.

## NO OFFICER IS RELATED

A Peculiar Incident in the Executive Recommendations—Every Section of County is Represented.

JENSEN, FLA., July 31, 1905.

Editors TRIBUNE:

Now that all the officers of St. Lucie county have been appointed it might be well if every citizen who feels an interest in the make-up of the total machinery of our new county would also analyze them individually, for by such analysis, the effectiveness of the whole can more readily be determined. In running our mind through the list, we find no two of them related by blood or marriage, so far as the writer knows. In this I think we enjoy the unique distinction of which no other county in the State can boast, and when I use the term boast, I mean that we should be proud of the fact that in the appointing of officers, the feature of appointing whole families to fill the various offices was studiously avoided. Another characteristic of the appointments was that men were selected from the different sections with full regard to their ability to best serve the interest they were to represent. It is true (and unfortunately so) that there cropped out a strong disposition among a few to have appointments made for personal friendship, and other men defeated because they had dared to exercise the right to think for themselves. With this kind of thing the executive committee had but little patience and exercised its duty without fear or favor, although in so doing it brought down upon their heads the wrath of some whose approval they would have been glad to have retained, but they could not in justice to the trust reposed in them fall in line with a method which would have unquestionably lead to serious factionalism and the formation of a combination which would have been a death blow to the plan of harmony which it was important to preserve.

In reviewing the recommendations for appointment, the executive committee have no apologies to make, and in the matter where they have been most severely criticised, it is plainly evident that they acted most wisely, for it was in just such instances that the entering wedge for factionalism and embryo ringism was endeavoring to enter its damaging influence, and the executive committee, with commendable courage, set its seal of disapproval on the first step which was to cast a shadow on the determined effort to have "equal justice to all, special privileges to none."

In something less than two years an opportunity will be given the people of St. Lucie county to select by primary the men to fill the various offices that have now been filled by recommendation of executive committee and appointment of the governor, and the executive committee are willing to compare the official record of the men they recommended to any set that may ever be elected in St. Lucie county, and this in full view of the fact that they have the serious task of forming and getting into running shape every office from constable up. In view of the responsibility which have fallen to the lot of the present officers, the executive committee, fully alive to the importance of a united action, were compelled in

some instances to disregard the desires of a few who had personal preferences, or who had obligations they wished to repay, for it was not in the province of the executive committee's power to reward friends, or to punish enemies, and they are willing to let the record of the men they recommended for appointment stand as a monument to their judgment, good or bad, and the verdict of St. Lucie county at the expiration of their term will be accepted and not the voice of a now insignificant minority. W. R. HARDEE.

## Serious Accident in Eau Gallie.

T. D. Newman, of Lafayette county, but who has resided on the different parts of Indian river for the past three years, fell out of the second-story window of G. F. Paddison's dock house, at Eau Gallie, striking squarely on his head. Drs. Hughlett and Peek removed the broken pieces of skull, but he has not regained consciousness since the accident Wednesday. He will hardly survive. He has a father and several brothers somewhere in the State.

## THIEVES AT WORK TUESDAY NIGHT

Fort Pierce is as a rule free from thievery, but exceptions to the rule took place Tuesday night, when some one broke through the back window of P. P. Cobb's store and entering, abstracting from the money drawers all the change which had been left there.

The amount of money secured is not exactly known, but is estimated at from six to eight dollars. A suit of clothes was also taken. Nothing is known as to the identity of the thief. Tracks of a barefoot person were seen, but no clue has been established. Isaac Robinson, colored, was locked up Wednesday night on suspicion, but was released the following morning.

The same night L. L. Carlton's market was entered, the thief cutting the wire screen on the window over the desk and unhooking the window. The articles stolen were of small value, consisting of some canned goods, soap, etc., and Mr. Carlton is puzzled to know their object. It is thought probable that the housebreakers were frightened off before anything of value could be taken.

It is to be hoped that this kind of business will not be again attempted. Should Fort Pierce again be annoyed in this matter she might "get metropolitan" to the extent of getting a night watchman.

## Will Return Here to Live.

It is rumored that Messrs. Merriweather and J. S. Bell and their families, who recently migrated to Southern California from this section, are already anxious to return.

If one is earnestly in quest of things with which to find fault, they may be found even in South Florida, but it is little wonder that persons who have been used to the sea breezes of the Indian river country for years should find the scorching winds, laden with alkali dust, from the Mojave desert a rather unsatisfactory substitute. The arid West, with its parched valleys and withered vegetation in summertime, is a spectacle well calculated to incite a keen appreciation of the copious and frequent showers which never fail to invigorate the verdure and gladden the Indian river landscape.

Well may the inhabitant of the grand Indian river country congratulate himself upon the good fortune which he enjoys in the blessings so abundantly supplied by nature, and with feelings of sincere gratitude overlook the minor obstacles which beset his path.

Miss Janet McBride, a cousin of Mrs. T. J. O'Brien, who has been visiting her for some time, will leave for Arcadia August 15th. She will return to Fort Pierce in December.

## ANDREWS IS ON COUNCIL

Elected at Meeting Tuesday Night to Succeed O'Brien.

## TOWN DONATES LOTS

Gives the County Choice of any Lot Owned by the Town as a Permanent County Site.

The regular meeting of the town council was held Tuesday evening in the council chamber, President Fee presiding.

The treasurer submitted his report, which showed that there is now in the funds of the town the sum of \$640.77.

Jas. E. Andrews was unanimously elected to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of T. J. O'Brien. This makes the council now composed of F. H. Fee, president; A. C. Dittmar, A. B. Lowry, J. H. Wynn and Jas. E. Andrews.

Considerable discussion was provoked by the ordinance requiring new buildings to be fireproof. It is held that the ordinance does not apply to unimportant out-buildings and repairs, but that such should be fireproof as far as possible.

A motion was passed to the effect that an extra tax of five mills shall be assessed and collected for the ensuing year, the amount so raised to be used as a fund for fire protection.

The committee appointed by the board of trade to confer with the council relative to the securing of a site for the county buildings made their request known and asked that such steps as the council could take would be most opportune. After some discussion of the subject the council passed an order donating the choice of any of the property held by the town for this purpose. As far as we can learn the town owns the land lying north of the school house and extending to the canal, which lately has acquired the misnomer of a "park." They also own one lot just south of THE TRIBUNE office and another west of our office.

The ordinance requiring bicyclists to carry lights after sundown was discussed, some claiming that it should be modified to read after dusk, or after a certain hour. It was generally admitted that the ordinance is not designed to be arbitrary, but to prevent reckless riding in an uncertain light. It was finally agreed to leave the matter to the discretion of the marshal.

## ROSEBUDDS OUTCLASSED

The Team From Stuart Was too Heavy for Fort Pierce's Favorites.

Yesterday the Rosebuds ran up against a proposition that they will remember for some time. They are a nifty lot, but when it comes to playing Stuart they were entirely out of it.

The aggregation from Stuart arrived on the morning train, and made their headquarters a Faber Bros. It did not appear from the condition of the weather at the time of the arrival of the Stuart boys that there would be a game that day, as the rain came down in torrents, but after dinner the sky cleared and by 3 o'clock the game commenced. The line-up was as follows:

Stuart	Rosebuds
Vernon.....c.....	Bayles
Penrow.....p.....	Hooks
C. McPherson.....1b.....	Killer
G. McPherson.....2b.....	Racey
Lane.....3b.....	Wakely
Stanley.....ss.....	Cook
Cramer.....rf.....	Lawhead
G. Glass.....cf.....	Ankeny
F. Glass.....lf.....	Swain
Stuart.....0 2 0 0 3 2 0 1 0-8	
Rosebuds.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0	

It's tough to be sure, but that is the size of the proposition, and none can deny it.

The Rosebuds were outclassed; they knew it but did the best they could.

Time: 1 hour and 15 minutes.

D. E. Austin, umpire.

## J. F. Budds, 9; Mount Holly, 0.

Before one of the largest crowds of the season and with excitement at high pitch, the Mount Holly, (N. J.) A. A. left the field in the sixth inning in the game with the J. F. Budds at Burlington, N. J., last Saturday, when Sadler was called out for not touching first on a three-bagger. The score stood 0 to 0 in the sixth inning, when Sadler of the Mount Holly's circled the bases on a three-bagger and an overthrow at third Umpire Thompson called the runner out for not touching first and the Mount Holly players left the field. The Budds were given the game on a forfeit, 9 to 0.

## New Advertisements.

New and changed advertisements in this issue of THE TRIBUNE are as follows:

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Louis Depew gave a very pleasant ride to a few of his friends Sunday afternoon in his launch.

## FISHING FOR TARPON---SPORT FIT FOR A KING

Newton Newkirk says: "If you want to have some fun with the fish, go to Fort Pierce, Florida." Mr. Newkirk spoke from experience, and the Waltons of the land, profiting by his excellent advice, are coming.

The season this year has been a little later than usual, for tarpon, but it was formally inaugurated last Saturday with the customary exercise by Messrs. G. J. Hopkins and W. E. Farnsworth, who landed three not very large but very gamey and beautiful specimens, aggregating in weight about 110 pounds.

The gentlemen were trolling for trout, with light tackle, near the inlet when the tarpon struck, and the fact that they landed their game is evidence of expert work.

The first catch weighed 22 pounds, but this would not satisfy them so they continued in the search for the beautiful silver king, and landed another that tipped the scales at 36 pounds. The last catch, of which the above photograph was taken, weighed 53 pounds. Mr. Farnsworth said, in an interview with THE TRIBUNE

representative, that the fish was all that they could manage, that it frequently jumped entirely out of the

water, and that it was with great difficulty that they finally succeeded in bringing their struggling captive into their already deeply laden boat.

Mr. Farnsworth is a son of Dr. L. S. S. Farnsworth, and a brother-in-law of Mr. Hopkins of this place, and but recently came to Fort Pierce from West Virginia.

He is elated over the river sports here and is indulging to the fullest extent.

Of all forms of sport loved by disciples of Isaac Walton, there is little doubt that the most exhilarating is fishing for tarpon. This gamey fish each season attracts hundreds of wealthy sportsmen to southern waters and certain bays and inlets where tarpon are plentiful have become quite famous. Not the least of these is Indian river inlet, opposite St. Lucie, where for many years the late Senator Quay maintained an expensive winter residence, and a number of wealthy gentlemen, composing the St. Lucie club, have a luxurious house and grounds.

It was at St. Lucie that the first tarpon was captured in Florida.



MR. AND MRS. G. J. HOPKINS.